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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A) STATE 95743; B) SOFIA 418

1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV MAY 7, AMBASSADOR WHILE NOTING GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS DREW ATTENTION TO A SMALL NUMBER OF NEEDLESS IRRITANTS, AMONG THEM SOME INSTANCES OF PROPAGANDA EXCEEDING BOUNDS OF WHAT WE CAN COUNTENANCE (REF A). MLADENOV GAVE A LENGTHY AND SOFT REPLY.

2. AMBASSADOR THEN REFERRED TO PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF DIVIDED FAMILIES AND SAID THERE IS ONE CASE ABOUT WHICH WE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ASKED WHEN HE SEES HIS HOME STATE SENATOR, JACOB JAVITS, WHO IS AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE SFRC. THIS IS THE CASE OF TSvetana GEROVA TALEVA. WITH SO MANY MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DISCUSS WITH THE SENATOR, INCLUDING TRADE LEGISLATION, IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE HELPFUL IF THIS CASE COULD BE WIPED OFF THE BOOKS; AND SOME SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE. MLADENOV SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY GIVE ORDER TO HAVE THE CASE REVIEWED IN A SYMPATHETIC SPIRIT.

3. COMMENT: WE CHOSE THE TALEVA CASE FOR THIS PITCH FOR SEVERAL REASONS. IT IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KIND OF PSEUDOHUMANITARIAN COUNTER-ARGUMENT AS THE

MAREV CASE; BUT IT CONTAINS THE ELEMENT THAT IS ESSENTIAL AS A PRECEDENT, VIZ. ILLEGAL DEPARTURE OF THE TALEV CHILDREN; AND OF COURSE THERE IS STRONG CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO MLADENOV, OF COURSE, THAT MRS. TALEVA HAS APPLIED ONLY TO VISIT HER SONS IN AMERICA, THAT SHE IS ELDERLY, RETIRED, AND LIVING ALONE; AND THAT SHE COULD THUS COME UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PEOPLE WHOM ZHIVKOV, IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARY DENT LAST APRIL, HAD SAID HE COULD RPT COULD ALLOW TO LEAVE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

4. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO HOLD OUT PROSPECT FOR EARLY PERMISSION FOR MRS. TALEVA TO LEAVE; BUT IN ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE WITH SENATOR JAVITS IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO STATE THAT AMBASSADOR HAS BROUGHT THE TALEV CASE TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HERZ

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